

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

21X Capital Ltd., et al.,

No. C06-04135 JW

Plaintiffs,

**FINAL PRETRIAL  
CONFERENCE ORDER - BENCH TRIAL**

v.

Robert Werra, et al.,

Defendants.

On August 25, 2008, the Court conducted a Final Pretrial Conference. Counsel for the respective parties were present. In light of the discussion at the conference, the Court orders as follows:

- (1) On or before **Friday, August 29, 2008 by 4 p.m.**, the parties shall file a Joint Statement Re: Structure of the Trial. The Statement shall, among other things, describe the structure of the trial, as anticipated by the parties.
- (2) The parties shall appear on **September 8, 2008 at 11 a.m.** for a further Final Pretrial Conference.

**TRIAL SCHEDULE**

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| <b>Sessions 1 - 4</b>     | <b>Sept. 16 - Sept. 19, 2008, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.<sup>1</sup></b> |
| <b>Sessions 5 - 8</b>     | <b>Sept. 23 - Sept. 26, 2008, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.</b>             |
| <b>Sessions 9 - 11</b>    | <b>Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2008, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.</b>               |
| <b>Argue &amp; Submit</b> | <b>October 3, 2008, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.</b>                       |

<sup>1</sup> At the Further Final Pretrial Conference, the Court reserves the right to fold the afternoon sessions into morning sessions (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) thus creating full days for trial. The final trial schedule will be confirmed at the Further Final Pretrial Conference.

**Exhibits**

1. On the day before the first day of trial, each party shall lodge with Chambers an exhibit binder for each witness, which shall contain all exhibits which the party contemplates offering into evidence through the witness. Any party objecting to an exhibit shall insert a page in front of the exhibit which identifies the party making the objection and the legal ground for the objection. Although an exhibit to which an objection has been made may be shown to the witness, it shall not be displayed unless the objection is overruled and the exhibit is received into evidence.

2. If the case involves only a few exhibits, instead of witness exhibit binders, the parties may include all exhibits in a single notebook.

3. Unless otherwise ordered, all exhibits shall be in a format compatible with either the video or digital evidence presentation system utilized by the Court for display after it is received into evidence.

4. The parties are encouraged to stipulate to the admission into evidence of all exhibits. If the parties stipulate to admissibility, the parties shall indicate, "I am going to show you Exhibit \_\_, which is in evidence by stipulation." The exhibit may be shown to the witness without being formally offered into evidence.

5. The proffering party shall retain custody of all exhibits, schedules, summaries, diagrams or charts to be used at the trial.

**Trial Procedure**

6. Counsel must question witnesses from the podium, using the microphone. Without requesting permission, counsel may approach witnesses for any proper purposes.

7. Address all remarks to the Court, not to opposing counsel.

8. Refer to all persons, including witnesses, other counsel and the parties by their surnames and not by their first or given names.

9. No demonstrative exhibits, charts, diagrams or enlargements shall be placed within sight unless previously disclosed to opposing counsel.

10. In examining a witness, counsel shall not repeat or echo the answer given by the witness.

11. Counsel must stand when making an objection. When objections or responses to objections are made, only the legal basis of the objections and responses may be stated.

12. Conferences at the bench or sidebar are not favored by the Court. Any sidebar conferences which are allowed will be off the record. If any counsel wishes to place matters on the record, he or she may so request, and the Court will make a responsive order.

13. Counsel have full responsibility to arrange for the appearance of witnesses during the presentation of their case so as to eliminate delay caused by waiting for witnesses who have been placed on call by counsel.

14. Unless an agreement to the contrary is entered into by opposing counsel, all nonparty or nonexpert witnesses will be excluded from the courtroom when not testifying. When a witness has completed his or her testimony, the witness is excused unless counsel indicates that he or she wishes the witness to remain subject to being recalled. Any witness who has been excused from further testimony may remain as a spectator. It will be the responsibility of counsel to make an announcement at the time the witness steps down that he or she should remain in the environs of the Court for a reasonable time to permit such counsel an opportunity to secure and serve a subpoena upon the witness and assume responsibility for his or her per diem and other expenses as provided by governing rule or statute.

15. Counsel shall admonish all persons at counsel table that gestures, facial expressions, audible comments, or the like, as manifestations of approval or disapproval during the testimony of witnesses, or at any other time, are prohibited.

16. Counsel should never ask the Court reporter to mark or flag a witness's answer to a particular question. Instead, make a note of the time and subject matter of the testimony you want marked, and inform the reporter unobtrusively at the next recess.

17. Witness examination shall consist of direct examination, cross-examination and re-direct examination. No recross-examination will be allowed without prior approval of the Court specifically indicating the area for recross-examination. When there are multiple defense counsel, they are directed to confer and designate to the Court the sequence in which they wish to be recognized during trial for purposes of presenting opening statements and conducting cross-

1 examination of witnesses. If one counsel conducts the direct examination of a witness, that same  
2 counsel must make objections when the witness is cross-examined. Counsel who will conduct the  
3 cross-examination should object while the witness is on direct.

4 18. From and after the moment the case is called for trial, any objection, motion or other  
5 application for relief made by any defense counsel, orally or in writing, shall be deemed to be  
6 adopted and joined in by every other defendant, without announcement by counsel to that effect, and  
7 the rulings of the Court shall be deemed applicable to each defendant unless otherwise stated at the  
8 time the ruling is made. Accordingly, it shall be regarded as unnecessary and improper for counsel  
9 to rise to "join in" an objection or motion. Rather, counsel should rise to be heard only for the  
10 purpose of expressly opting out of an objection or motion if that is his or her position.

11 19. Counsel are directed to deliver to opposing counsel at the end of each trial day (if not  
12 earlier) a list of witnesses counsel anticipates calling the next trial day.

13 20. Counsel calling a non-client witness to testify should have no further discussions with  
14 that witness concerning the case or any aspect of his or her testimony after the witness has been  
15 tendered for cross-examination and until such time as the witness has been tendered back for redirect  
16 examination. At all other times, within the bounds of governing ethics and the law, counsel may  
17 engage in discussions with witnesses during trial.

18 21. Any time taken away from presentation of evidence to the Court, for example, lengthy  
19 legal motions made during the time allocated to the presentation of evidence, or delays in the  
20 commencement of proceedings due to circumstances within the control of counsel, will be deducted  
21 from the time allocated for the presentation of evidence. Upon timely application based upon good  
22 cause, the Court may relieve a party of its stipulation to the agreed schedule.

23 22. It is the practice of the Court periodically to inform counsel of the Court's record of how  
24 much time each side has remaining for the presentation of evidence based upon the stipulated trial  
25 schedule.

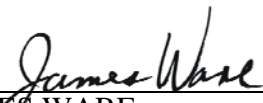
26 23. In an effort to assist the Court in its understanding of the evidence, after each witness  
27 has been excused, counsel may request permission to address the Court for purposes of commenting  
28 on the significance of the evidence. Commentary shall be limited to 5 minutes for each party.

1 Commentary shall be opened by the side calling the witness (unless waived) and closed by the side  
2 cross-examining the witness. No rebuttal to commentary shall be allowed. Commentary must  
3 conform to the rules of evidence with respect to closing argument. Time taken for commentary shall  
4 be deducted from the time allocated to each side for the presentation of evidence.

5 **Daily Trial Transcript**

6 24. Any counsel desiring daily or expedited transcripts during trial should make immediate  
7 arrangements with the court reporter and should inform the Court and other counsel of such  
8 intentions.

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10 Dated: August 26, 2008

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13 United States District Judge  
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10 **Dated: August 26, 2008**

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